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| 6 | WEST | |
| | Goa | 53.4 |
| | Gujarat | 74.5 |
| | Maharastra | 76 |
| 7 | SOUTH | |
| | Andhra Pradesh | 72.3 |
| | Karnataka | 70.6 |
| | Kerala | 43.9 |
| | Tamil Nadu | 69 |

Source: National Family Health Survey-2

**Sale of kidneys in Kerala**

1936. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a racket of sale of kidneys has been detected in Idukki District of Kerala, as reported in the Hindustan Times of 11th June, 2002;

(b) if so, what has been forcing the poor tribals to take to this step of selling away their kidneys and who is behind this inhuman deal;

(c) the names of hospitals found involved in this racket and since when this racket has been going on; and

(d) the action taken by Government against the accused?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Sale and purchase of human organs including kidney is banned under the provisions of the Transplantation of Human Organ Act, 1994. The Act has stringent provisions for punishing any one who commits such acts. Under Section 13(2) of the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, the State Governments are empowered to appoint appropriate authorities for the purpose of the Act who are empowered to investigate any complaints of breach of provisions of the Act including those pertaining to sale and purchase of human organs

including kidney. The Act has been adopted by Kerala as well as all States except Bihar and Jharkhand. No case of sale or purchase of human organs has been reported by Government of Kerala to Government of India.

**Suicide by AIDS affected people in Bihar**

†1937. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AIDS affected people in Bihar are forced to commit suicide;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the scheme formulated by Government to provide sufficient treatment to the AIDS patients and to protect them from social stigma?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No such information has been received by Bihar State AIDS Control Society.

(c) Government of India, through Bihar State AIDS Control Society provides the following services for treatment of HIV/AIDS patients and to protect them from social stigma:

(i) Drugs for treatment of Opportunistic Infections (OIs) are provided free of cost in all major hospitals in the State.

(ii) To promote voluntary HIV counselling and testing, 12 Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centres (VCTCs) have been established.

(iii) For treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), 15 STD clinics have been established.

(iv) In order to ensure safe blood transfusion services, 5 major blood banks, 35 district blood banks and 1 component separation unit have been established.

(v) In order to create awareness about HIV/AIDS and STDs, Family Health Awareness Campaign (FHAC) was conducted during February-March, 2002.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.